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Serial No.: 10/035,707

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Title: Methods and Apparatus for Improved  
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**RESPONSE TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(F) NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS**

**BOX MISSING PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated February 7, 2002 for which the two-month date for response is April 7, 2002. Applicants have included herewith a petition for a four-month extension of time. This four-month extension of time will bring the due date to August 7, 2002, which is within the statutory

period. In accordance with this request, Applicants have included a check in the amount of \$1,570.00, which includes the extension fee of \$1,440.00 and the \$130.00 fee required to respond to the Notice of Missing Parts. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from the Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, there are enclosed herewith:

- (a) Declaration and Power of Attorney executed on behalf of DeWayne L. Hays, Robert Lewis Michaels, Jr., and Arthur A. Vanderbilt;
- (b) Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 (g). Applicants respectfully request that formal drawings be held in abeyance until receipt of a Notice of Allowance;
- (c) A Request for Extension of Time of four-months to and including August 7, 2002;
- (d) A copy of the Notice of Missing Parts dated February 7, 2002; and
- (e) A check in the amount of \$1,570.00.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

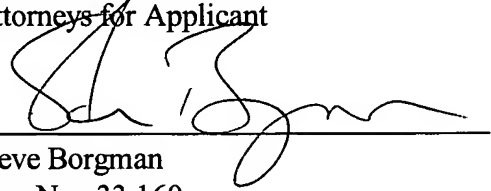
Applicants believe this paper to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues raised by the Notice of Missing Parts mailed February 7, 2002. Applicants have included corrected drawing sheets that are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 (g), as requested by the Notice of Missing

Parts. However, Applicants respectfully request that formal drawings be held in abeyance until the receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 713-758-2002 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BOX MISSING PARTS**

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Re: Response to Notice of Missing Parts mailed February 7, 2002  
Serial No. 10/035,707  
Our Reference: MET580/4-1

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office is the *Response to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) Notice; Request for Extension of Time to Respond to Notice to File Missing Parts Dated February 7, 2002; Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; Corrected Drawing Sheets; and Check in the amount of \$1,570.00.*

Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents by date stamping the enclosed postcard and returning it to this office.

If additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0365.

Very truly yours,  
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. ( 5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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